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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, R. C. GEORGE STANET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAWYER & CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLE, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDERSON, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—BRAN & BLAKE, San Francisco. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOVER, Melbourne and Sydney. OCEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo. SINGAPORE.—SAYLE & CO., Singapore. C. HANSON & CO., Macao. CHINA.—M. A. DE GEUZ, SHAO-TUNG QUILON & CO., Amoy, N. MOALE, Foochow, HONG KONG, Shanghai, LAKE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WILSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on the premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1 or more than \$200 at one time will be received. No depositor may dep. At more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months, at 6 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—H. L. DUNSTYLL, Esq.
Hon. JOHN BELL—S. C. MICHAELSEN,
IRVING—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
W. G. BODIE, Esq.—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.—L. POENACKER, Esq.
J. F. HOLLOWAY, Esq.—N. A. SIEBS, Esq.
H. R. LAYTON, Esq.—E. A. SIEBS, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai, E. EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—LOW 'ON' AND COMPANY
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
O. N. Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 8, 1889. 363

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
Mr. JULES KEISER in our Firm
ceased on the 28th February last.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.
Hongkong, April 4, 1889. 640

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr.
REUBEN GUBBEY, a Partner
in our Firm.
BENJAMIN & DANBY.
Hongkong, April 1, 1889. 623

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the absence
of Mr. JAS. H. COOPERSTON from the
Colony, Mr. GEORGE LOMER TOMLIN has
been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to
the Company.

P. BYRNE,
Chairman.
Hongkong, March 15, 1889. 594

Intimations.

NOTICE.

CHARLES BORHAM, Steward of the
ROYAL NAVAL SEAMAN'S CLUB, is pro-
posed to GIVE \$50 to any Person who
can prove that he has Purchased BEER or
LIQUOR from other parties than those
whose Bills he presented to the General
Committee, or who have been seen convey-
ing such things in his pockets.

Hongkong, April 12, 1889. 695

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Statutory General MEETING of
the above Company will be held at
the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 27th
Instant, at 3.30 p.m.

O. MOONEY,
Secretary (pro tem.)
Hongkong, April 12, 1889. 694

PEACEFUL LODGE OF
HONGKONG,
No. 1165.

Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 629

A Regular MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the Free
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUES-
DAY NEXT, the 16th Inst., at 8.30 for 9
p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, April 9, 1889. 679

SOCIÉTÉ FERMÉE
DE
L'OPIUUM AU TONKIN.

A DIVIDEND of \$130 per SHARE will
be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and
after the 15th of April, on Production of
the SHARE CERTIFICATES, which require to
be stamped before the Dividend can be paid.

R. ST. MATHURIN,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, April 11, 1889. 686

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHLI DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING of the
PUNJOM AND SUNGHLI DUA SAMANTAN
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at
the Registered Office of the Company, No.
9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong,
FRIDAY, the 19th day of April, at 4.30
o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined
resolution, which was passed at the
Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held
on the 4th April instant, will be submitted
for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be in-
creased to the sum of \$800,000 legally
current in the Colony, by the issue of
the creation of 20,000 New Shares of
\$10 each. Subject to any direction to
the contrary that may be given by the
Meeting sanctioning the increase of
Capital, all New Shares shall be offered
to the Members registered on the Day
of the Confirmation of the Resolution
in proportion to existing Shares held
by them, and such offer shall be made
by notice specifying the number of
Shares to which the Member is entitled
and limiting a time within which the
offer if not accepted will be deemed to
be declined, and after the expiration of
such time or on the receipt of an in-
timation from the Member to whom
such notice is given that he declines to
accept the Shares offered, such Shares
shall be dealt with by the Directors in
their discretion.

Dated the 4th day of April, 1889.
By Order of the Board,

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHLI DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that if the
above mentioned Resolution for the
increase of the Capital of the Company be
confirmed, the SHAREHOLDERS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the 19th
day of April to the 11th day of May next,
both inclusive.

Dated the 4th day of April, 1889.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SEVENTH PRIZE MEETING.

OVER 1,000 DOLLARS TO BE GIVEN
IN PRIZES.

TO be held on FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
and MONDAY, 19th, 20th and 21st
April, 1889.

Pools, Sweepstakes, and several Events
open to All Comers.

Programmes and all particulars on applica-
tion.

Persons desirous of joining the Associa-
tion should send their names at once.

A. SHELTON HOOPEE,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o HONGKONG CLUB.

Hongkong, April 1, 1889. 617

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,500,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....1,250,000

Board of Directors:

HON. J. BELL, IRVING, CHAIRMAN.

HON. C. L. CHAMBER, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

MR. E. A. SOLOMON.

MR. S. C. MOSES.

MR. G. E. NOBLE.

MR. LEE SING.

MR. POON FONG.

Brokers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Objects for which this Company are
formed are to transact in the Colony
of Hongkong and its Dependencies the
Purchases and Sales of Property, to advance
monies on Mortgage, to undertake the
Management and Agency of Estates, and
generally to carry on any Business in con-
nection with Landed Property.

The following information can be had on
application at the Company's OFFICES, No.

7, Queen's Road Central.

ALEXANDER R. LEVY,
Secretary (pro tem.)

Victoria Buildings,

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1889. 689

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Colony, Mr. GEORGE LOMER TOMLIN has
been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to
the Company.

P. BYRNE,

Chairman.

Hongkong, March 15, 1889. 594

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW UNPACKED

THEIR NEW STOCK
OF

Sun Hats & Helmets,

AND

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 629

STRAW HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 629

PEACEFUL LODGE OF
HONGKONG,
No. 1165.

Hongkong, April 3, 1889. 629

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DELIVERY
OF WINTER COATINGS, TWEED AND DRESS SUITINGS,
TROUSERINGS, AND ULSTER TWEEDS.

A Very Stylish Selection.

OUR OUTFITTING STOCK IS ALSO COMPLETE IN SEASONABLE GOODS.
QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),
Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 60

W. POWELL & CO.

EX STEAMSHIP GLENSHIEL.

LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S AND
CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices, is now open to the public. The interior has been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTEL is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Contracted languages are spoken.

MESSRS. D. RAJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 10, 1889. 1612

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR
CHINESE.

THIS SCHOOL, situated in a very
good position on the Bluff, provides
good EDUCATION FOR BOYS from
8 to 17. Boarders taken. Prospects with
Office of this Paper.

O. H. HINTON, M.A., OXON,
330, Head Master.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 8197.—APRIL 13, 1889.]

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Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIK PORTS;

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 14th day of April,
1889, at 10 a.m., the Company's
Steamship PREUSSEN, Capt. O. Pohl,
with MILITARY PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave the port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon. Cargo will be received on board
until 4 p.m., and Parcels until 1 p.m.
on the 13th April, 1889. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be
left at the AGENT'S Office). Contents and
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1889.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOURING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY
OF NEW YORK will be des-
patched for San Francisco, via Yokohama
on TUESDAY, the 16th April, at 1 p.m.
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan
and the United States and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japanese
Ports, to San Francisco, via Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demarara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco \$200.00

To San Francisco and return, 350.00

To Liverpool 325.00

To London 330.00

To other European ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service,
and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese
Services.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

Passengers by this Line have the option
of proceeding overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific
and Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Fare will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
packages will be received at the office until
6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1889.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship BATAVIA,
No. 2,563 Tons Register, AULD, Com-
mander, will be despatched for VANCOU-
VER, B.C., via NAGASAKI, KOBE and
YOKOHAMA (passing through the Inland
Sea), on THURSDAY, the 26th April, at
Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. POST
AUGUSTA, on the 9th May, and
PARTHIA, on the 23rd May.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast
Points, by the regular Steamers of the
other Steamship Companies.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria, Mo. \$160.00

To all commerce points in Can-
ada and the United States 230.00

To Liverpool 300.00

To London 306.00

To other European ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service,
and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese
Services.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points in the United States,
should be sent to the Company's Office,
addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District
Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. on the 24th April.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office
and should be marked to address in full;
and the same will be received by us until
5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight,
apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1889.

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Intimations.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6TH DIVIDEND.

A 6TH DIVIDEND of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on all
CLAIMS against the HONGKONG
BRANCH OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPO-
RATION, which have been approved by the
Court of Chancery, will be paid at the
Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPO-
RATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY,
the 18TH MARCH next.

CREDITORS are requested to apply to the
Bank for their Dividends and to produce
the letter they hold from the Official Li-
quidator, admitting their Claims, in order
that the Payment of the 6th Dividend may
be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN
ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR by arrange-
ment with THE ASSETS REALISATION
CO. is prepared to PAY IN ADVANCE to
CREDITORS willing to receive such Payment
IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR
CLAIMS the Dividend of 6% per cent.
for the year 1889, UNDER A DISCOUNT
OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors who are willing to accept Pay-
ment of the Final Dividend less discount as
above are requested to communicate with
the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF
THE CURRENT MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,
Agent for the Official Liquidator,
Oriental Bank Corporation
in Liquidation.

2, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, February 6, 1889.

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HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, Ltd.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.
12 " 2 p.m. half hour.
3 " 7 " quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.45 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.40 a.m.; 12 to 3 p.m. every half hour.
3 to 7 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

SPECIAL CARS may be obtained on application
to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-
Cent Coupons and Revenue Tickets in the Office.

M. A. FRICKEL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 2, 1889.

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DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist.

(FORMERLY UNLICENSED APPRENTICE AND LAT-
TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

AT the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE (formerly occu-
pied by DR. ROBERTS).

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to misadventures & similar
Sole Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the N. Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1889.

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INSURANCE.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887.

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To Let.

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, Queen's
Road Central.

Possession from 1st April next.

Apply to

LAI HING & CO.,
No. 153, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 13, 1889.

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TO LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

NOS. 1, 2 & 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 14, 1889.

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TO LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

THE HONGKONG BRICK & CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Apply to

A. B. C.,
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 30, 1889.

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TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 2,
DOUGLAS VILLAS.

Possession from 1st May.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, March 30, 1889.

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To Let.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

From 1st May.

N. O. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to R. H. KIMBELL,
16, Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, April 1, 1889.

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TO LET.

N. O. 2, MORRISON HILL.

Apply to G. O. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

PARADE SUEZ CANAL.—Badminton, Feb. 19: Spinners, 22; Wakefield, May 6; Nantes, 8; Tier, 15; Orte, March, 18; Gernhart, Bologna, 22; Ajaccio, 28; printed, 26; Anchors, Nant, Kirk, 18; Arms, 9; Cannon, Dutch, 19; Glass, Duke of Buckingham, 22; Cambria, 23; Castles, 2; Cockpit Post, Fairy, Sardonyx, 9; Glenfriar, Devonshire, 12.

HOMEBREW HOUSE.—Hampshire, Westmest, Mar. 12; Biscay, 15; Strathaven, 22; Actives, Amphitheatre, April 2; Menelaus, 5; Sacken, Garmouthshire, 18; Aphrodisia, 9; Astur, Dymchurch, 12.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belgic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of March 20, leaves Yokohama on the 11th instant, at daylight, and may be expected the 17th inst. The Oceanic Pacific Co.'s s. *Barataria*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 10th inst. for Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd's S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bremen* left Singapore on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The Shire Line s.s. *Briseis*, from London, etc., left Singapore on the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The P. & O. a.s. *Gowror* left Bombay for this port on the 4th inst.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—PALM SUNDAY.—Matins.—Venuti, Alcock; Psalms, Jones and Camider; Te Deum, Woodward &c.; Jubilate, Hayes; Anthem, 'Daughters of Jerusalem'; Hymn, 99. Evensong.—Psalms, Garrett &c.; Magnificat, Smart; Nunc Dimittis, Foster, and Hymn, 98, 193 & 12.

We hear that 850 of the Hongkong Hotel Company's debentures have been applied for. The number for allotment to the public is 600, and only those applicants whose tenders were as high as 1 per cent. premium will receive bonds.

Misses Melchers & Co. inform us that the Nord Lloyd's *Bayern*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin, 19th March, left Singapore at 11 a.m. to-day for this port.

The second of the H. K. Rifle Association's open competitions at 800 yards took place this afternoon, between eighteen competitors, and was won by Mr F. G. Collins with a score of 37, Mr E. Robinson being second, with a score of 34.

DRIVING SWING FOR SHAMAN.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bethel flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting code-pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seaman's Church, returning about 12.30.

Tsai Yung and Ho Chung, the two servants who were charged with stealing a number of valuable articles from the room in Messrs Russell and Co.'s premises occupied by Mr A. Dier and Mr H. Pott, were brought before Mr Pollock in the Police Court to-day on remand. As no fresh evidence was produced against the accused, they were discharged.

HONGKONGERS are apparently not good Church people, for we observe that the Panjiong meeting is fixed for next Friday, which is Good Friday. And the Purjones are not the only sinners in this respect, for the Governor would have adjourned the Council meeting to Friday next, had not Mr Byrne assumed the rôle of the zealous Church man and called to his recollection that Friday was a general holiday. The Panjiong Company will no doubt take the hint and alter their day of meeting.

The Gibb Line s.s. *Afghan*, which arrived here this morning from Nagasaki, touched on Tam-kan (Luna Island) in the fog, and damaged her forecastle. She docks on Monday, but makes little or no water. The *Afghan* is also reported to have been near the land, and to have sustained some little damage. The *Afghan*, which arrived here the other day, is said to have been in collision with the new steamer *China* in Sung River, and also sustained some damage.

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Upon his rickshaw's seat he's laid
His head in sweet repose,
And soon the setting sun will warm
A most plebeian nose.

Dream on then, hapless son of toil!
Dream of a joyous land
In which no work of any type
Shall come to soil thy hand;
Where no grim pedler's ear shall spoil
The perfection of rest,—
And lovely slaves shall fill thy pipe
With opium of the beat.

TUNG CHIA.

—Chines Times.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of New York* arrived yesterday evening with the American mail of 11th March. We take the following telegrams from our exchanges:

A DINNER AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY.

Berlin, March 9.—The French Ambassador, M. de la Motte, to the kind

Emperor, the first function of the kind

since 1882, was a great success.

The guests for the royal repast,

mounted in water colors, represented the

Emperor and Empress siegling in the

Place d'Paris. The Emperor was in ex-

cellent humor. He conversed at length with

Horowitz, saying that he was to be able

to give a mark of sympathy to France

and to Horowitz personally. Among the

forty guests present was the Duke of

Schleswig-Holstein, the Prince and Da-

ughter Frederic of Hohenlohe-Lang-

stadt, Bismarck and many generals. The

dining ceremony created a good impre-

ssion both in France and Germany, basi-

strengthening the position of Horowitz.

FRANCE NEWS.

Paris, March 9.—This morning a panic-
fusing prevailed on the Bourse. Comptoir d'Escompte shares are up 100 francs. Societe des Moulins 100 francs. Rio Tinto 330. At

noon a large crowd of depositors surrounded

the Comptoir d'Escompte awaiting

the opportunity to withdraw their funds.

By 3.30 p.m. the help given by the other

banks and the Government had its effect,

and prices advanced. Comptoir d'Escompte

shares were 400 francs. Societe des Ma-

loux 120 francs and Rio Tinto 350 francs.

There have been enormous sales of Com-

ptoir d'Escompte stock.

The copper crisis has brought a new fin-

ancial principle into play, which probably

will be repeated in America; that is, that

in an acute crisis, threatening widespread

financial ruin, the banks must stand by

one another. It was felt that if the Com-

ptoir d'Escompte stopped payment, even for

a few hours, the worst consequences would

ensue to other banks. On the proposal of

Baron Gustave Rothchild and Joubert,

seconded by the Minister of Finance, the

bankers agreed to raise the loan to the

Comptoir to \$20,000,000. None but the

Bank of France could find a market for

such a sum, as a syndicate was formed in

the spring of the year, and 24,000,000

was transferred to the Bank of France

from the Comptoir d'Escompte. The Roth-

child and others have guaranteed the loan,

for which the Comptoir sees

the good, but a reliable authority says the

banks will insist upon the liquidation of

the company as soon as the crisis is actually

over.

In his speech to the bankers Rouvier

made one remark which carried the day.

"Gentlemen," he said, "all the eloquence in

the world cannot take the place of cast."

An amusing dinner was given last evening

to Boulangier by the Duchess of

Tao Faubourg St. Germain, who has

thrown in his political lot with the

Boulangier party, as no one put it, it has

put up a fight against the black horse.

During the reception there was a regular

match in which all the titans of the

French quarter pal their respects to

the General, who always does the right

thing when lovely women is being won.

He charmed everybody by his amiability.

Altogether the event was epoch-making in

the pretender's march to the Presidency or

a throne. It is rather significant that some

Republican journals which support the

General affect to sneer at his mixing with

the dukes of the nobles faubourg

district.

The Duke rather relied on his mother,

the Duchess of Manchester, to help him out

but, also the last ten years of agricultural

depression has greatly reduced his income

and he is compelled to be careful of his bank account.

At present she is trying to dip her pinched

hands in the flood of gold that sweeps over

the gaming tables at Monte Carlo. She

gives Mandeville the sole use of Fandryes

Castle, county Aragon, Ireland, but he

does not get much income from that,

though he spends a good deal of time there,

leaving Lady Mandeville alone here who

knows him well. His wife and daughter

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